

County Societies

ALAMEDA COUNTY.

At the October meeting of the Association, Dr. Stanley F. Berry described the treatment of the wounded soldiers at the zone of attack in a most interesting manner, and also answered a number of questions.

Fracture, Dislocation at the Ankle Joint, Varieties and Treatment, was the subject of Dr. George Rothganger's paper.

1. The correction of the dislocation of the talus usually corrects the displacement of the bony fragments.

2. In the anterior, external and posterior dislocations the foot should be put in the over-corrected position, but not in the internal dislocations.

3. The reposition of the malleolus (or torn deltoid ligament) is of surpassing importance in comparison with any reposition of fibular fragments.

4. Graded exercises to develop the strength of the ligaments before the foot bears the full body weight.

Dr. C. A. Wills showed a number of slides of war fractures after which matters of importance to the Association were discussed by Mr. Hartley F. Peart, counsel, League for the Conservation of Public Health.

The Association is indebted to Dr. L. P. Adams for arranging the program.

The Oakland Hospital Corporation held a dinner Friday evening November 7, at which some fifty of the leading professional and business men of Alameda County were present.

The main topic of discussion was the building plans. The consideration of the plans was simplified by lantern slide projection.

Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Ewer have just returned from New York, where the doctor attended the Clinical Congress, American College of Surgeons.

Drs. Don D. Weaver, T. C. McCleave and G. T. Pomeroy have returned from the service.

Dr. Pomeroy will leave again in a few days for Constantinople, to systematize the work in the hospitals of the American Committee of Relief for the near East. The doctor expects to be absent a year.

At the November meeting of the Merritt Hospital staff, Professor Carl Schmidt of the University of California discussed the Immunity Properties of Proteins.

Dr. George Rothganger at the request of the staff repeated the paper he read before the Alameda County Medical Association.

The following improvements are approaching completion at Arroyo Sanatorium:

1. A new and adequate water supply both for institutional use and for irrigation; together with an adequate fire-protection system. Over 100,000 gallons of water a day will be pumped from the lower gravel levels of the Arroyo del Valle into storage reservoirs on the high ground of the Sanatorium reservation. A special fire pump will give the necessary high pressure through a system of hydrants installed at strategic points.

2. A new medical and administration building adjoining the present infirmary. This is being well equipped for X-Ray, laboratory, dental, nose and throat and surgical treatment. In addition it has sufficient space for administrative purposes and the reception of visitors.

3. A service building containing besides well arranged sleeping rooms for the male help a large recreation room with an open fire-place, built-in book cases and wide windows, pleasant dining rooms for the members of the staff and for the child patients of the institution together with a kitchen and store room.

4. A service building, the upper floor of which is devoted to sleeping apartments for the women

help with a large recreation room similar to the one in the men's building, the lower floor being arranged in four suites or apartments with folding beds and separate bath and toilet facilities, intended primarily for married couples.

5. The opening of the children's building. This beautiful building is quite apart from the main institution so that the little patients will not come in contact with the adult cases. There are four open wards and accommodation for about thirty children. The ground behind this building is well adapted for playground purposes and the children will have every facility for the exercises suited to their condition.

6. School for Training Nurses attendants. This is under the supervision of the State Board of Health and will offer opportunity to women who wish to fit themselves for service in large public sanatoria. There will be lectures in Elementary Physiology, Anatomy, Pharmacology, Dietetics, Hospital Ethics and the Social Aspects of Disease, in addition to practical experience in care of the sick.

7. Installation of a social service department to co-operate with existing agencies in the localities from which the patients come in the discovery of contact cases, the care of the patients' families and the removal of the causes which have operated to produce the disease.

Psychology and Medicine.

A new step of progress in the service of the Extension Division of the University of California was made at Oakland on Wednesday, November 12, when Professor George M. Stratton of the psychology department of the University began a course of lectures on Psychology in its relation to Medicine, before more than twenty physicians and dentists.

The class was inaugurated with a dinner given in the Hotel Oakland to Professor Leon J. Richardson, director of University Extension, and Dr. Stratton, the lecturer.

As explained by Professor Richardson, this course marks a new step in the development of the University's policy, in that the University for the first time is prepared to offer its most advanced and highly technical courses to any group of citizens qualified to take the instruction. This plan will be carried out wherever such a group of persons makes application for a course, provided the professor in charge of the subject can find time in his work on the campus to deliver the lectures.

The University is now considering having Professor Stratton conduct a similar course of lectures in San Francisco beginning in January.

The following physicians and dentists of Oakland registered in Professor Stratton's course, given in the Dalziel Building:

Dr. Stanley F. Berry, Dr. Herbert J. Samuels, Dr. J. Louis Lohse, Dr. William S. Kuder, Dr. Daniel Crosby, Dr. J. W. Stark, Dr. Ergo Majors, Dr. F. R. Makinson, Dr. C. H. Rowe, Dr. Florence Sylvester, Dr. Francis M. Shook, Dr. Roderic O'Conner, Dr. A. M. Smith, Dr. J. W. Calkins, Dr. J. F. McMath, Dr. C. F. Jarvis, Dr. William Porter, Dr. Harry P. Carleton, Dr. Ruby L. Cunningham, Dr. J. L. Pease, Dr. L. P. Adams, Dr. Richard A. Bolt.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

The Contra Costa County Medical Society met in regular monthly meeting the evening of November 1, 1919, at the home of Dr. W. E. Cunningham of Richmond.

The program was arranged with Drs. J. Wilson Shiels and Harold Brunn of San Francisco as the speakers of the evening. The one made a plea "For a more thorough examination of the head and neck; for the more perfect diagnosis of disease," and the other talked on "The surgical diseases of the gall bladder." Both papers were highly in-

structive and were appreciated by all the members present.

It was voted to hold our next annual meeting and banquet at the Hotel Oakland on the evening of November 29th, after which the entire society with their ladies will attend a theater party.

After the transaction of the regular business Mrs. Cunningham served a supper interspersed with good music and cigars which kept all present until the "small hours."

Those present were: Drs. J. Wilson Shiels, Hall Vestal, L. S. Hely, Harold Brunn, U. S. Abbott, J. Beard, C. T. Wetmore, H. N. Belgum, C. R. Lipp and wife, C. R. Blake, E. Merrithew, Mrs. Jennie Charkoph, M. Keser, G. M. O'Malley, P. C. Campbell, W. E. Cunningham, C. L. Abbott, H. L. Carpenter, E. E. Johnson, W. W. Fraser.

The Contra Costa County Medical Society met at Martinez as the guests of the Martinez physicians, in the Court House on the evening of Saturday, September 20, 1919, at 9 o'clock, and listened to one of the most interesting and instructive lectures ever given to the society. Dr. Emmett Rixford of San Francisco was the speaker and spoke on fractures, dealing with the subject more particularly from the mechanical point of view.

Dr. Rixford was voted the thanks and appreciation of the Society.

After the transaction of the regular business and the adoption of a portion of the proposed new fee table, the members and visitors adjourned to a local restaurant where a very pleasing and appetizing lunch was served.

Those present at the meeting were: Drs. Wetmore, Camp, Johnson, Sweetser, Fitzgibbon, Neff, Cook, Campbell, Merrithew, Fitzpatrick, Bell, McCullough, Van Tyne and Bird.

KERN COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Kern County Medical Society was held at the County Hospital on the night of October 17, and was called to order by President Hamlin. The expected report of a committee appointed to draft a new fee-bill, together with an unusually interesting program called out a large attendance.

The scientific program, in charge of Drs. Jas. P. Hull and Joe Smith was now opened by Miss Bradley, the county and city bacteriologist, who discussed certain errors in the taking of specimens for laboratory examination. A guinea-pig, recently inoculated with suspected tuberculous material, was also dissected as a demonstration.

Dr. Hull now presented for diagnosis, a case of probable anesthetic leprosy in an adult male, native of Mexico, which proved interesting. A child with talipesequino-varus was anesthetized and the forcible correction of that deformity was demonstrated by Dr. Hull.

Dr. Joe Smith presented a discussion of coxa vara, with X-ray pictures of a case, and also of a probable beginning case in a young girl.

Dr. Hull also presented a case illustrating a remarkably good functional result in an old infected compound fracture of the tibia and fibula.

The society then adjourned to the dining room for refreshments and relaxation, both of which were enjoyed by all present.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Medical meeting of October 16, 1919, took place at 8:15 p. m. in the Normal Hill Center Auditorium.

Dr. W. T. McArthur, presiding, mentioned that the Arrow Theater of the Hamburger building is no longer available as a meeting place and that the Normal Hill Center Auditorium will only serve for this time. The Friday Morning Club will probably be our future quarters.

The Nurse Anesthetist Condemned.

At the regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, October 16, 1919, an instructive and intensely interesting paper was presented by Dr. Walter R. Crane, entitled "The Lay Anesthetist."

The paper dealt comprehensively with every phase of the situation involved in the use of "Anesthetic Technicians," laying emphasis on the danger and injustice to the public, and the growing opposition on the part of ethical members of the profession to the use of the non-medical, or nurse anesthetist, who, although without basic medical training and with only superficial technical knowledge of etherization, is nevertheless, in reality, intrusted with the patient's life.

He quoted extensively from authorities and observers all over this country and abroad regarding this subject, showing that the consensus of opinion is that lay anesthetists have no place in properly regulated hospitals, or in the private employ of surgeons; that the lives of patients are unduly jeopardized merely for the financial remuneration of the individual or concern employing them.

He cited various authorities in other states than California regarding the legal aspect, and the opinions were to the effect that the surgeon who employs, or the hospital which countenances such practices is liable in case of any accident which may occur either directly or indirectly as a result of anesthesia so administered:

The paper was extensively and favorably discussed by many present and at the close, the following motion was introduced and unanimously adopted by rising vote:

"Resolved, That the Los Angeles County Medical Association go on record as in favor of the limitation of the practice of anesthesia to regularly licensed physicians and surgeons."

"Clinical Interpretation of Scarlatinoid Rashes" was discussed by Dr. Moses Scholtz.

Scarlet fever is not a well defined clinical unit: it is subject to many variations and anomalies and its diagnosis can not be made on the skin symptoms alone but mainly on the streptococci born complications, suppurating glands, angina and glomerular nephritis, and the spreading of contagion. Desquamation is merely an expression of the intensity of the preceding erythema and it has no pathognomonic significance. Scarlatinoid erythema is also not an independent entity but merely a symptomatic rash caused by all varieties of systemic toxins.

The differentiation of scarlatinoid erythema can not be made on purely dermatological grounds but essentially on the associated clinical symptoms and the mode of development.

Nosologically scarlatinoid rashes should be regarded as an erythematous type of the great generic group of erythema multiforme.

Spontaneous Rupture of Left Ventricle.

Carl Johnson, M. D.

This patient, a man of sixty, while lacing his shoes, suddenly pitched forward to the floor and died. Had been blind for several years. There was no history or symptoms of syphilis. He had been in good health, doing such work as gardening and chopping wood, but had not seemed as strong during the past few months as usual. He was, however in about his ordinary health until six days before his death.

At that time he had severe pains in the gastric region during the night and was given an opiate. His temperature was normal, pulse 76, of good quality but intermitting two or three times per minute. The heart sounds were normal except for some indistinctness, or a distant quality. He complained of pains, principally in his stomach, but also extending down both arms.

He was given two grains of calomel, followed by a saline, and felt much better the following day. His illness was attributed to fish which he had eaten eighteen hours before the onset of his illness, and which had been cooked twenty-four hours at the time he ate it.

Was seen again three days later two days before his death. At that time the only pain was under his left shoulder blade. This had been quite severe at times, but stopped entirely, and he had no more pain until the time of his death. His temperature at this time was normal, pulse 74, regular, and the heart sounds were normal, but indistinct.

He was apparently in his usual health from this time until his death, two days later, except that he complained that he did not feel like smoking. The morning of his death he ate breakfast as usual, shaved, took a bath, went upstairs to his room and lay down for a while, and evidently began dressing as he had laced one of his shoes when he was found dead by the side of the bed.

The autopsy, done a few hours after death, showed the pericardium filled with partly clotted blood, and a rupture an inch and a quarter long in the most prominent part of the left ventricle, in the center of a brownish degenerated area about the size of a silver dollar. The other organs were normal, except for a rather marked congestion of the kidneys. The heart valves were normal.

Dr. Grover kindly made an examination of the heart and submits the following report:

"Examination of ruptured heart was made by taking a section from the periphery of the rupture to a point about three centimeters away from the same, and a second section from another part of the ventricle which appeared to be normal.

"The section from the ruptured area shows a marked fatty degeneration or infiltration which has completely destroyed most of the muscle fibers, in the area near the rupture. The fibers further away show cloudy swelling, brown atrophy and necrosis. There is some inflammatory exudation in the area, consisting of polymorphonuclear leukocytes, endothelial leukocytes, eosinophiles, plasma, cells and fibroblasts.

"The other section shows more or less normal muscle fibers with here and there large collections of the same inflammatory cells noted in the other section, except that here there are almost no fibroblasts. There is evidence of myocarditis of rather long standing as shown by the large amount of fat and necrosis present, which so weakened the wall that the rupture occurred in the most necrotic portion. There is evidently an acute exacerbation of the process, as evidenced by the second section.

"Whether the myocarditis present is of infectious origin or whether it is due to some interference with the coronary artery, I am unable to say."

In view of all the facts, it would seem probable that there was a long standing degeneration of the heart muscle, probably caused by a lesion of the coronary artery, and that the fish poisoning started an acute inflammatory process which caused the rupture.

Dr. Walter Brem: The only case I have seen was a rupture of an aneurism of the ventricle. The rupture might have occurred without the fish poisoning, although the presence of polymorphonuclear leukocytes would indicate that that might have been the exciting cause.

Dr. Joseph King: Several cases have come under my observation. There is usually a history of severe pain, and the patient may live for some time after a small rupture. The pain is usually followed by a persistently rapid pulse, although the patient may feel fairly well.

Dr. George L. Cole: I was much interested in hearing Dr. Carl Johnson mention the fact of severe pain preceding the cardiac rupture. I witnessed the death in one case of cardiac rupture and

had the patient under observation for several days previous to death. The pain was of such a character that a number of years later when called in just after a sudden death and listening to the description of the symptoms and pains, I made a suggestion that when the case came to a post-mortem examination of the following morning they would find a perforation of the left ventricle near the septum. This proved to be true and I was given the epithet of a "wizard in diagnosis." The very great majority of perforations occur at this location, hence this part of it was easy. Another interesting item was the fact that within a few days previous to death I climbed two flights of stairs in company with this fatty degenerated heart and at the top of the stairs the one with the degenerated heart said: "Why, Dr. Cole, you are out of breath, you must be getting old." It was true that the owner of the degenerated heart showed no sign of shortness of breath or discomfort of any kind.

The Los Angeles School Children's Clinic and Dispensary.

By Courtesy of Dr. H. F. True, Director School Health Department.

The School Children's Clinic of Los Angeles is under the auspices of two institutions,—the Board of Education of Los Angeles and the Parent-Teachers' Federation of Los Angeles,—the former an official department of the city, and the latter, a semi-official organization; each school having its own local club and these clubs co-operating with and aiding the schools in many ways. The Board of Education maintains the Out-Patient clinic known as the O. T. Johnson Public School Dispensary, and the Parent-Teacher Federation is the patron organization of the dispensary.

The dispensary occupies a three-story, concrete building fully equipped, and with the following departments: General medical, general surgical, skin diseases, eye, ear, nose and throat, speech defects, corrective physical training and orthopedic, nervous conditions, osteopathic, and dental. All the above are actively operating and are overcrowded.

By a curious phase of the laws, school departments cannot legally purchase the following: Medicines, dental filling materials, spectacles, crutches or braces; these the Parent-Teacher Federation undertakes to provide.

The reception of October 30, 1919, was to better acquaint the members of the 200 local Parent-Teacher associations with the working of the Clinic, that they might increase the supplies above noted, the Dispensary having developed so rapidly as to out-strip the previous generosity of its patron.

The speakers were introduced by Mrs. Charles F. Gray, President of the Los Angeles Parent-Teachers' Federation. Mrs. Gray, herself speaking for the Federation, Mr. Melville Dozier spoke for the Board of Education, Dr. Herbert F. True, Director of the School Health Department of which the Dispensary is a division, spoke of the general work of the department, Dr. Geo. L. Leslie first Director of the Department and one of the principal organizers of the Dispensary spoke of the early work done by Miss Elizabeth McMannus, Mrs. Taylor and himself, and Dr. Irving R. Bancroft, the Superintendent of the Dispensary, who is in direct charge, then gave the address of the afternoon and told of the work done and its present needs. Before and after the short meeting the visitors inspected the various departments and watched the doctors, dentists and nurses at work. The little children, themselves, happily greeted the distinguished guests and explained their own conditions in a way that surprised all, showing that among other things the Los Angeles school system teaches keen observation.

Miscellaneous.**Narcotic Clinic Assured.**

Los Angeles will establish a municipal dispensary and clinic for the decreasing dosage treatment of narcotic addicts. This was settled definitely at a meeting of the City Council after the councilmen listened to the amazing story of drug addiction, not alone in this city, but throughout the United States, as related by Collector of Internal Revenue John P. Carter, Health Commissioner L. M. Powers, Dr. John V. Barrow, Dr. Ross Moore, Dr. Dudley Fulton and others representing the County Medical Association.

The municipal clinic and dispensary will be established in the old Temple block. It will be open mornings and evenings and will be in charge of physicians working under the supervision of the health commissioner, a recognized druggist of ability, and nurses. Morphine and other narcotics will be prescribed at a cost a trifle above the wholesale price, and inside of three or four months the clinic will be on a self-sustaining basis, it is believed.

Collector Carter informed his audience that New York, New Orleans and Memphis already have established clinics. The New Orleans plan will be followed here. There was no publicity attached, the number of addicts treated finally reached 800, but as the treatment progressed it was greatly reduced, dropping to about 20 a day.

Happy with the success of the local campaign, Collector Carter will at once proceed to other cities in Southern California to continue the campaign.

Anti-Tuberculosis Association Closes at Long Beach.

With Dr. W. Jarvis Barlow of Los Angeles, president of the California Tuberculosis Association, presiding, the Southwestern Tuberculosis Association's three days' convention in Long Beach came to a successful close with a big public meeting. More than 400 delegates and several hundred interested citizens were in attendance. The Red Cross Peace Program and its relation to the public health was the topic of an interesting address delivered at the closing session by Dr. Livingston Ferrand, chairman of the central committee of the American Red Cross of Washington, D. C.

Dr. James Alexander Miller, medical adviser of the Rockefeller Commission in France during the war, told of his experiences with the disease in the ranks of the overseas forces of this country, and of the lessons that could be learned in fighting the plague as a result of the world conflict.

Dr. Wm. Palmer Lucas, chief of the children's department of the University of California, also discoursed on lessons from abroad and told how the experiences of other countries in wiping out the peril could successfully be applied to the United States.

At a meeting at the headquarters of the delegates to the annual convention, a resolution was adopted petitioning the United States Senate to introduce and pass a bill creating a division of tuberculosis in the public health service, in view of the fact that among contagious diseases the white plague is the greatest single menace to the nation.

Funds for Baby Hospital.

For twelve years Maternity Cottage has been aiding prospective mothers who are too poor to pay for necessary hospital treatment. The need of a new hospital building to care for the many women who apply for aid has become so great that plans have been prepared for a hospital and mothers of the city have been asked particularly to contribute to the fund needed.

In the past twelve years, more than 3000 mothers have been cared for, and after the planned

additions are built the facilities of the institution will be more than doubled. The Cottage is located at 127 South Utah St. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Wm. Baurhyte, 1033 Edgeware Road, the president, who is in charge of the campaign to raise funds.

New Hospital for Whittier.

The new Milhous Memorial Hospital is a project made possible by the donation of \$50,000 to the city by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Milhous, public spirited citizens of that place.

The building, construction of which will start within a short time, will stand in Alta Park, a slightly public recreation ground overlooking the surrounding valley. It will be a general hospital designed for a minimum of 30 beds, with one-story wings at either end accommodating the operating rooms and accessories and maternity hospital. Plans were prepared by architects Allison & Allison of Los Angeles.

The center portion of the building is 117 feet long and two stories high. It is divided into wards of from one to four beds each, a number of which have communicating bath rooms. The main corridor running through the building opens out on ample solariums at either end. In architectural style the building will suggest the colonial, with broad paved and grass terraces in front adapting it to the slightly location on the hillside overlooking Whittier. Masonry fireproof construction will be used. It will be equipped throughout with modern hospital installations. The cost of the equipment will be exclusive of the \$50,000 available for building purposes.

The hospital board includes A. C. Johnson, chairman; O. H. Barr, secretary; F. W. Hadley, A. C. Maple, Wm. Minget, Dr. A. Rosenberger and Wm. Milhous.

Maternity Cottage Store Seeks Gifts.

An appeal for cast-off clothing or any articles that can be repaired and sold has been made by the directors of the Maternity Cottage at 127 So. Utah St. All articles sent to the home are repaired and sold at a second-hand store conducted on the property owned by the Cottage, the receipts being used for the work of caring for expectant mothers who come to the Cottage for assistance.

The little store has a history of twelve years' useful work. The first month's receipts from the store years ago helped to start the work of Maternity Cottage, and since then it has contributed regularly to the funds of the institution.

Clothing is sold at a small profit, and many young mothers have been enabled to purchase articles there for their children. Youngsters attending school have been equipped with everything they need in the way of clothing from the counters of the store. It was stated that any article would be acceptable. Contributions should be sent to the Cottage.

PERSONALS**Physicians Notified of Service Citation.**

Dr. J. J. A. Van Kaathoven, local physician, was honored with a citation by General Pershing on April 19, 1919, "for exceptional, meritorious and conspicuous service," while with Base Hospital No. 35 in France.

Dr. Van Kaathoven's wife was Southern California chairman of the Junior Red Cross, during the war.

To Study Leprosy on Two Year Trip.

Dr. Chas. M. Zerfing, former police surgeon of Los Angeles, has applied for a passport to go abroad on scientific work. He expects to visit China, Japan, Hongkong, the Straits Settlements, India, Italy, France, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden and Great Britain, to make a study of leprosy and influenza. Dr. Zerfing will leave Vancouver on

November 27. He expects to be absent for two years.

Dr. Murietta Back.

That Dr. Jack Murietta is home again after an absence of two and a half years is welcome news. He was senior surgeon on one of the big transports, and left the first week of the war, and with the exception of Capt. Frank Simpson of the naval aviation, was longest in the service of any of the men who left at the beginning of the war. Morgan O. Adams, who was a lieutenant commander, went at the same time.

Army Doctor Coming to County Hospital.

Dr. J. Mark Lacey, who was connected with the Los Angeles County Hospital about six years and resigned to enter private practice, has been succeeded by Dr. Neal Laramore Wood as first assistant superintendent of charities and medical director for the department of charities of the County Hospital. He assumes his duties Nov. 1st.

Dr. Wood headed the eligible list of eighteen candidates for the position. Dr. Robert A. Jones passed No. 2 and Dr. Edwin D. Ward No. 3. The Board of Examiners included Dr. Fitch C. E. Mattison, Dr. Egerton Crispin, Dr. John V. Barrow, all of this city, and Dr. R. G. Brodrick of San Francisco.

Dr. Wood, who is 35 years old, is a graduate of the high school at Ann Arbor, Mich. He attended the University of Michigan, graduating in 1908; was instructor in the University of Michigan Medical School from 1908 to 1911. He attended the Army Medical School in Washington, D. C., was honor graduate in 1912 and served as instructor, physician and surgeon, sanitarian and hospital administrator in the United States Army from 1912 to 1918, being advanced from the rank of Lieutenant to that of Lieutenant Colonel. He saw active field service as medical officer on the Arizona border and also served at Fort Apache, Ariz. He commanded base hospitals at Camp Custer, Battle Creek and Pittsburgh.

Injuries Not Serious.

The German artillery shell which struck the American relief headquarters at Riga this week and wounded Dr. Thomas J. Orbison of Pasadena and Los Angeles, head of the American mission, did not fatally injure the Californian.

Friends here of Dr. Orbison received word in telegrams from Congressman C. H. Randall stating he had obtained through the state department advices that Dr. Orbison's hurts were not serious and that he was continuing "on the job" in Riga.

Before he went into army service more than a year ago, Dr. Orbison was head of the psychopathic ward of the County Hospital. He holds the rank of Major in the army.

Pathologist Returns.

The friends of Capt. Roy Hammack were pleasantly surprised a few days ago when the Captain returned from France, where he had been engaged as pathologist and bacteriologist in the Medical Corps of the Army. He entered the service two years ago and went to Camp Lewis; from there, directly to France where he was assigned to a mobile hospital unit and has seen service in several engagements.

After the armistice, he was with the army of occupation in Germany, located in Coblenz most of the time, returning to this country and demobilizing at the Presidio, San Francisco.

He was formerly Assistant Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology in the University of Philippines, Manila, and at one time was city bacteriologist in Los Angeles. At the time of the receipt of his commission he had been pathologist and bacteriologist at the Los Angeles County Hospital for some two years.

Returned.

Dr. Chester H. Bowers, Suite 924 Trust and Savings Bldg. Practice limited to diseases and surgery of the ear, nose and throat.

Louis Felsenthal, D.D.S., M.D., 902 I. N. Van Nuys Bldg. Oral Diagnosis and Surgery.

Dr. John C. Irwin has returned from service. Suite 523 Investment Bldg. Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. H. S. Muckleston, 912 Van Nuys Bldg. Otolaryngology.

Dr. John W. Nevius, 718 Brockman Bldg.

MENDOCINO COUNTY.

On Saturday evening November 1, a regular meeting was held at Ukiah, Vice-President Samuel L. Rea, M. D., in the chair.

Present—Drs. S. L. Rea, George W. Stout, L. K. Van Allen and O. H. Beckman.

This meeting resolved to lower the county dues to \$1 per annum, to take effect January 1, 1920.

Dr. Edward C. Bennett, Covelo, was elected to membership.

It was also decided that as Saturdays and Mondays were busy days with the Ukiah fraternity those days would not be chosen for regular meetings hereafter. Willits is to be the next meeting place.

Dr. E. H. Sawyer, Navarro, has left our county, and it is rumored that he has driven his foundation piles for a new place to practice somewhere in Oregon. May good luck and prosperity graft themselves upon him and his family. Dr. Sawyer, please let us know your present address.

This Society still has one member in active service in the Navy, Lieut. Reuben H. Hunt, M. C., U. S. N. His letter is of some interest and therefore reproduced here.

Fourth Naval District, Philadelphia, Pa.

N. O. T. S. Navy Yard, Sept. 28, '19.

Dear Dr. Beckman:

I'll admit that you were quite justified in stating that I was lost. Last night Mrs. Hunt and I went to a Medical Library and found the California State Medical Journal and there saw your notice. It wasn't like reading one's death notice but at the same time gave one a sort of a shock. Oh, I'll acknowledge that I have not done my part but you know right after the armistice we all seemed to quit; things did not have the same interest after that.

About the time of the armistice I was on a mother ship anchored in Brest harbor. That duty gave me more medical stuff but did not have the thrills of the destroyer duty, but at that time there were no more thrills. I had a leave, went to Paris, met Mrs. Hunt and we went to Nice and to Monte Carlo. Had a nice time there but could not stay long enough. In a little while we worked it so that Mrs. Hunt had duty in Brest and we thought we were fixed fine and dandy when along came orders for me and I was shipped back to New York on the Leviathan. Then the next thing to do was to get my good wife in New York. Well that took about a month and about as soon as that was done along came orders for me to a ship—the U. S. S. El Sol. We put that ship in commission as a troop-carrying ship. She had been carrying cargo during the war.

Made a trip to Bordeaux and returned to Newport News. Made another trip to Brest and back with troops to Philadelphia, and then the ship was ordered out of commission. Saying "in commission" and "out of commission" does not take long but the process takes quite a while and is rather a discouraging job, for there seems to be so many things to do that no one seems to know how to go about.

I am now on temporary duty at the Navy Yard. I just reported yesterday so I don't know much about it yet. It is duty with the N. O. T. S., which means Naval Overseas Transportation Service. I do not think that it will last very long because there are no more transports. What after that? Well, that is part of the joy of military duty. You never know. I have made several requests to be ordered to the Pacific Coast but so far I have received nothing but promises. I do not know what they are going to do about letting me out of the service. You know last year they took me out of the Reserve and put me in the regular Navy with the temporary rank of lieutenant. They tell us that the temporaries will be let out in July, 1920; so I have a little bit to do yet.

Yours truly,

R. H. HUNT.

ORANGE COUNTY.

The regular November meeting of the Orange County Medical Society took place at the Public Library on the evening of the 4th. The paper of the evening was given by Dr. R. A. Cushman of Santa Ana and entitled "Better Men." The doctor showed in his valuable thesis that there was a great tendency on the part of the public to consider the underlying principles of eugenics and that was promise of more being done for the betterment and uplift of the race.

A committee consisting of Drs. Ball, Johnston and Shank was appointed to revise the fee bill. There has been little or no increase in rates in Orange County and many of the members are feeling the advanced prices incident to the "H. C. L." to such an extent that it has become necessary to make an increase in the fee bill.

Dr. H. D. Newkirk of Minneapolis has accepted a position with Drs. Johnston and Wickett of Anaheim. The doctor will devote his time exclusively to his specialty—Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Dr. Newkirk entertained the eye, ear, nose and throat men of the county with dinner at the Oyster Loaf Cafe with a result that a more friendly and cordial feeling is bound to exist in this community.

Drs. Zaiser and Johnston have returned from visiting eastern clinics.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

At the November meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society it was voted that the Subscription Committee for the League for the Conservation of Public Health see every doctor in the county whether a member of the Society or not and ask him to subscribe.

The committee on the revision of the fee schedule reported.

Drs. E. O. J. Eytinge, W. D. Lenker and R. W. Prince were elected to membership in the Society.

Dr. C. L. Curtiss of Redlands gave a report of the Southwestern Tuberculosis Conference in which he discussed the importance of education, especially instruction in Hygiene in the schools, the removal of the child from its tubercular surrounding, even its mother, if tubercular, and laws by which carrier cases can be controlled, concluding that the solution of the tubercular problem is in the next generation.

Dr. L. M. Ryan of Banning read a paper on "Pulmonary and Laryngeal Tuberculosis as Related to Contagion." He covered the subject of racial and family tendencies and childhood infections, massive infections in adults, re-infections and the question of carriers. His answer to the tubercular problem in general was education.

Dr. A. L. Bramkamp of Banning in his paper on "Mistakes in Diagnosis in Conditions Considered

Well Advanced Tubercular Disease," discussed the differential diagnosis with well chosen statistics which showed many errors in diagnosis as proved by autopsy, in cases that appeared very apparently tuberculosis.

There were many men present from the Riverside County Medical Society.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the nurses of the County Hospital where the meeting was held.

The program follows:

Report of the Southwestern Tuberculosis Conference, Dr. C. L. Curtiss, Redlands.

The Care of Pulmonary and Laryngeal Tuberculosis as Related to Contagion, Dr. L. M. Ryan, Banning.

Mistakes in Diagnosis in Conditions Considered Well Advanced Tuberculosis, Dr. A. L. Bramkamp, Banning.

Applications for Membership, Dr. W. D. Lenker, Dr. E. J. Eytinge, Dr. R. W. Prince.

The president has appointed the following committees:

Board of Censors—Dr. W. B. Power, chairman; Drs. J. H. Evans, E. S. Bolton, J. A. Champion, D. C. Strong.

Finance—Dr. C. G. Hilliard, chairman; Drs. P. M. Savage, J. A. Shreck.

Program—The President and Secretary, Drs. L. M. Coy, N. G. Evans.

Buffet luncheon.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

The annual election of the Society will be held on December 9th. Polls open from 10 to 6. Official tellers: Drs. J. F. Grant, N. Molitor, H. M. Wegforth.

The following new members have been received during the past few months: Drs. P. B. Wing, H. P. Hendricks, A. D. Butterfield, John W. Warren, H. L. Hildreth, Charles W. Brown, F. A. Lee, Alice H. Crandall, J. H. Young, R. G. Hulbert, Lorin F. Wood, Sr. Major I. F. Percy has been received into associate membership.

On the evening of October 14th the Society spent an enjoyable clinical evening at the County Hospital. Cases were presented by Drs. Churchill, Grant, Kinney, Little, Wier, Wicherski and Wilson of the visiting staff, and also by Drs. Psota and Nerad of the house staff. The evening was brought to a close with the serving of refreshments by the nurses. Over fifty physicians, many of them from the outlying towns, enjoyed an hour or two of social as well as intellectual uplift.

On October 28th the evening was given over to the discussion of the conservation of the health of the child. Dr. H. B. Wilson presented a plea for more intelligent care during the first two years of the child's life, while Dr. Frances M. Allen spoke entertainingly on the special problems of the child during the pre-school age from two to six years. Discussions were liberal and fruitful.

The following members of the County Society have been appointed to service at the County Hospital beginning November 1:

Internal Medicine—Drs. Emil C. Black, Carl S. Owen.

Gynecology—Dr. H. P. Newman.

Tuberculosis (at Vaclain Home)—Dr. J. A. Parks.

The Council of the Society has endorsed the move on the part of the Collector of Internal Revenue for this district to establish a clinic for the treatment of drug addicts.

Dr. T. C. Pounds is being welcomed home by his many friends after three years' service in the Navy.

Dr. H. C. Loos (Lt.-Col. M. C., U. S. A.) has returned to civil practice with offices in the Watts building.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY. Society Meetings.

Proceedings of the San Francisco County Medical Society.

During the month of October, 1919, the following meetings were held:

Tuesday, October 7—Section on Medicine.

1. Paroxysmal tachycardia and other forms of arrhythmia in one individual. H. I. Wiel and M. F. Frandy.
2. Spastic paraplegia secondary to gas poisoning. O. G. Freyermuth.
3. Malingering. J. H. Catton.
4. Rupture of the uterus. A. F. Maxwell.

Tuesday, October 14—General Meeting.

Clinical examination of the head and neck, with particular reference to the brain stem, in the effort to simplify the diagnosis of chronic disorders thereof. J. W. Shiels.

Tuesday, October 21—Section on Surgery.

St. Luke's Hospital Clinical evening.

Meeting held at the hospital.

1. War-time apparatus as used in treatment of fractures in civil life. G. J. McChesney.
2. Chronic appendicitis. Wm. Kenney.
3. Fractional method of stomach analysis. E. V. Knapp.
4. The electrocardiograph. R. B. Tupper.
5. Differentiation between a diagnosis and a clinical fact. H. M. Sherman.

Tuesday, October 28—Section on Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

1. Demonstrations of cases and of treatments. Hans Barkan, H. A. Fletcher and W. S. Franklin.
2. Angioneurotic edema of the iris with secondary glaucoma. Hans Barkan.
3. Discussion of two cases of cerebellar tumor. H. B. Graham.
4. Misuses of the Voice. Miss N. J. Poock Van Baagen (The Hague).

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held Friday evening, October 31, at the Chamber of Commerce quarters, President E. A. Arthur presiding. Those present were: Drs. E. A. Arthur, L. Dozier, S. F. Priestly, J. T. Davison, L. Haight, J. P. Martin, G. J. Vischi, Mary Taylor, Grace McCoskey, Margaret Smythe, E. E. Selleck, C. F. English, E. A. Edgerton, F. J. Conzelman, J. W. Barnes, J. M. Gardner, Hudson Smythe, N. E. Williamson, J. M. Hench, W. J. Young, B. F. Walker, A. H. McLeish, F. S. Marnell, Howard Naffziger and D. R. Powell.

The paper of the evening on "Fracture of the Skull" was presented by Dr. Howard Naffziger of San Francisco. Dr. Naffziger, who is in charge of the brain and nerve surgery of the University of California, and who but recently served as Lieutenant-Colonel in the Division of brain surgery with the American expeditionary forces in France was able to speak with authority, based upon wide experience in his specialty. He spoke particularly of the type of case showing profound unconsciousness, slow pulse rate and other evidences of increased cranial pressure which can be relieved by a subtemporal decompression. The technic of this operation was illustrated by pictures thrown on the screen thereby making it more vivid and clear to his audience. After a short discussion Dr. Naffziger answered various questions which were presented to him. The meeting adjourned at 11 p. m.

SHASTA COUNTY.

At the regular meeting of the Shasta County Musical Society held October 18, 1919, Dr. A. B. Gilliland of Cottonwood was elected president of the Society. Dr. C. A. Mueller of Redding was

re-elected Secretary and Treasurer for the coming year. Dr. Ferdinand Sembel is holdover delegate to the State Medical Society convention with Dr. C. E. Reed as alternate.

TULARE COUNTY.

The regular meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held at Hotel Johnson, Visalia, October 19. Following the banquet Dr. E. H. Falconer, recently returned from service in France, gave a most interesting discussion upon the problems of blood transfusion as recently worked out both in military and civil practice.

The November meeting was held at the same place upon the 9th inst., when Dr. Lockwood of Pasadena presented a comprehensive review of the more recent fracture work as it occurred under his service in France.

The death of Dr. T. D. Blodgett of Tulare from a septic wound, was deeply felt by the entire local medical fraternity. He was former president of the Society and one of its most enthusiastic and faithful members, as well as one of the foremost practitioners of the county.

Post-Graduate Schedule for December

San Francisco.

Lane Medical Lectures, 8:15 p. m., December 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1919. Lane Hall, Sacramento and Webster streets, San Francisco. Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor.

The Feeding of the Nations at War.

- I. The Problem of Feeding a Nation.
- II. The Feeding of the United Kingdom.
- III. The Feeding of France and Italy.
- IV. The Feeding of the Enemy States.
- V. The Food Problem of Europe After the War.

San Francisco Colloquia

October 16, 1919.

The Surgical Colloquium was conducted by Dr. Harold Brun.

1. Injection of whole blood into old ununited fracture of hip in a man showing some evidence of Pituitary disease.
2. Operation upon chest using Lilienthal incision, for cleaning out cavity following old Empyema.

October 17, 1919.

The Medical Colloquium was conducted by Dr. J. M. Wolfsohn.

1. Case of Tabes.
2. Discussion of case of Juvenile Paresis simulating Multiple Sclerosis.
3. Demonstration of case of Aphasia.
4. Interesting lecture on the Anatomy and Physiology of the brain, etc.

October 23, 1919.

Surgical Colloquium, Dr. J. R. Dillon.

1. Nephrectomy for tuberculosis of kidney. (Specimen showed numerous abscesses.)
2. Young's punch operation for contraction of neck of bladder. Dr. H. W. Gibbons.
3. Laparotomy. Hydrosalpinx and sub-acute appendix.

October 24, 1919.

The Medical Colloquium was conducted by Dr. H. H. Yerington.

The following cases were demonstrated and discussed:

1. Case of miliary, pulmonary tuberculosis in an infant.
2. Case of Rickets.
3. Case of Bow-legs after operation. (Demonstrated by Dr. S. Nicholas Jacobs.)
4. Amoebic Dysentery of five years' duration with cure.